MANAGEMENT PLAN

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This binder contains 16 management plans developed under the Kamloops Area Management Planning Pilot Project. This project began in 1994 to develop, implement and evaluate a systems approach to management planning. The project concluded in October, 1996. The management plans contained in this binder provide long-term direction for a group of 10 Class A parks, five ecological reserves and one recreation area. The intention is to review this binder and the plans contained here at regular intervals. Plan vision statements and objectives will not change extensively over time. Management actions, however, will change as priorities, funding and support resources come available.

- ☐ Coldwater River Park
- ☑ Goldpan Park
- ☐ Juniper Beach Park
- ☐ Lac Le Jeune Park
- ☐ Marble Canyon Park
- ☐ McConnell Lake Park
- ☐ McQueen Creek Eco. Res.
- ☐ Monck Park
- ☐ Paul Lake Park
- ☐ Skihist Eco. Res.
- ☐ Skihist Park
- ☐ Skwaha Lake Eco. Res.
- ☐ Soap Lake Eco. Res.
- ☐ Steelhead Park
- ☐ Tranquille Eco. Res.
- ☐ Walloper Lake

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Management Plan

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GOLDPAN PROVINCIAL PARK

MANAGEMENT PLAN

Introduction

This management plan defines the role of Goldpan Park within the provincial park system and the objectives and guidelines for managing the resources and visitor use activities in the park.

The park role, objectives and zoning as stated in this plan cannot be contravened in meaning or intent without consultation with the public and approval of the District Manager and the Parks Management Committee (PMC). A five year business plan is included as appendix B to provide direction for management and development of the park. The business plan is subject to annual review and adjustments.

Background

Goldpan Provincial Park was established in 1956 to provide the base for developing camping and day use facilities to serve tourists travelling along the Trans Canada Highway. This 5 hectare park has been developed to capacity with 14 campsites, 24 vehicle parking and 3 tables for Highway travel day use and 4 tables for river rafting day use.

The park receives heavy use averaging over 5,000 campers and 99,000 day users annually. Over 9,000 of the day users are river rafters. The Park also serves as a prime rest and lunch stop for river rafters on the Thompson River.

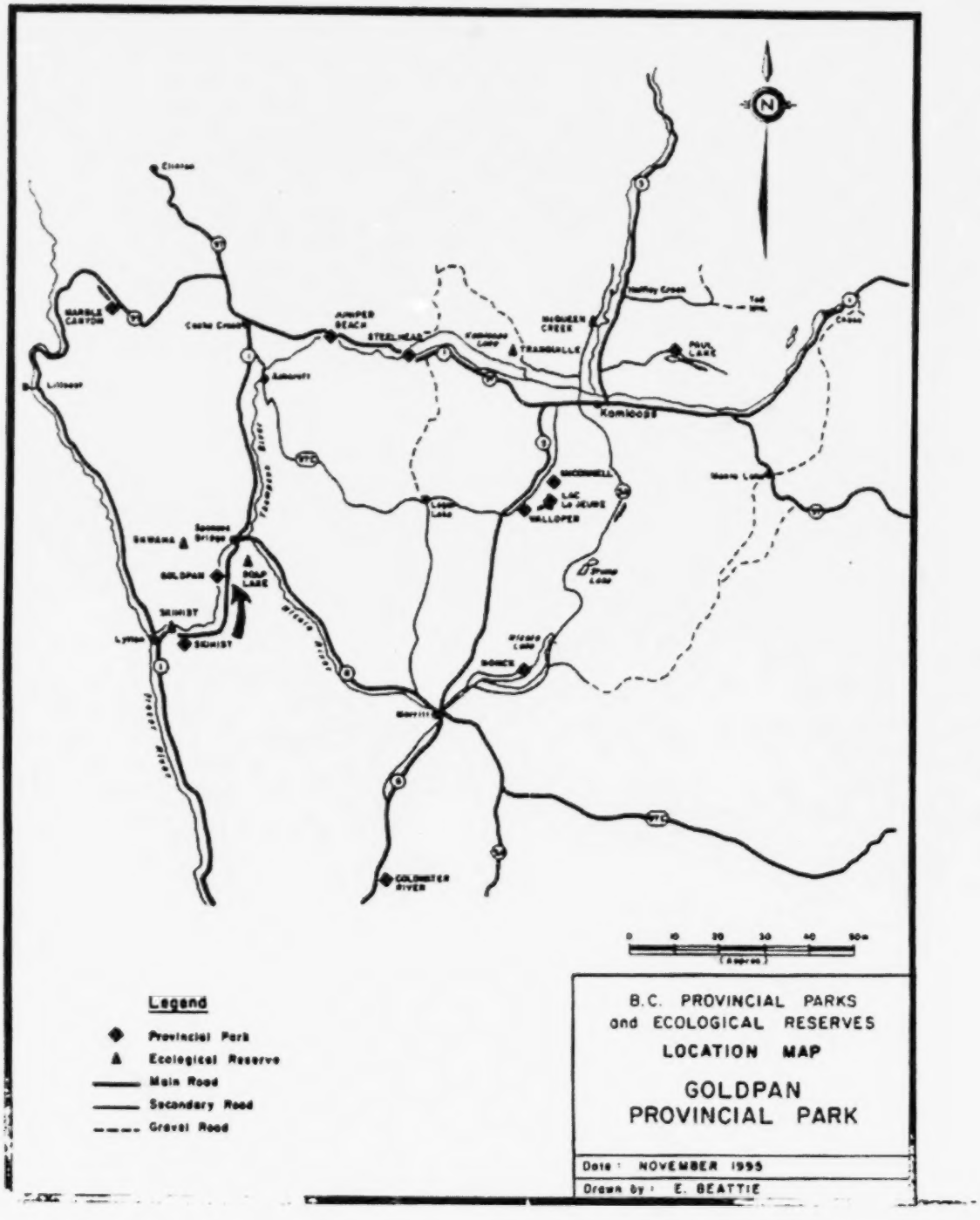
Protected Area Values

Conservation

The park has minimal conservation value. It contains some large specimens of Ponderosa Pine and a 600 metres section of shoreline along the Fraser River.

Recreation

Recreation opportunities relate primarily to use from the Trans Canada Highway and to river rafting on the Thompson River. The park provides an excellent viewscape of the Thompson River. This setting complements opportunities for camping, picnicking, viewing, fishing and river rafting.


Legend
Provincial Park
Ecological Reserve
Main Road
Secondary Road
Gravel Road
B.C. PROVINCIAL PARKS
and ECOLOGICAL RESERVES
LOCATION MAP
GOLDPAN
PROVINCIAL PARK
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Kamloops
SKIHIST
GOLDPAN
SKWAHA
STEELHEAD
JUNIPER BEACH
MARBLE CANYON
WALLOPER
LAC LA JEUNE
BONCHI
GOLDWATER RIVER

Culture

There are no known archaeological sites or resources in the park, but the site has direct ties to native travel routes and fishing on the Thompson River, and historic features such as the Cariboo Wagon road, the Fraser Canyon road and the CPR and CNR railways.

Vision Statement

For the foreseeable future, Goldpan Park will continue to provide camping and day use opportunities on the Thompson River.

Conservation Role

This park has the very limited conservation role of protecting some of the natural vegetation and river shoreline.

Recreation Role

The primary role of the park is to maintain existing recreational opportunities for travel corridor and regional use with activities including camping, picnicking, viewing, fishing and natural and cultural interpretation.

As a secondary role, the park provides day use opportunities for river rafting.

Zoning

The entire park is zoned as **Intensive Recreation**

Management Objectives - Natural Resources

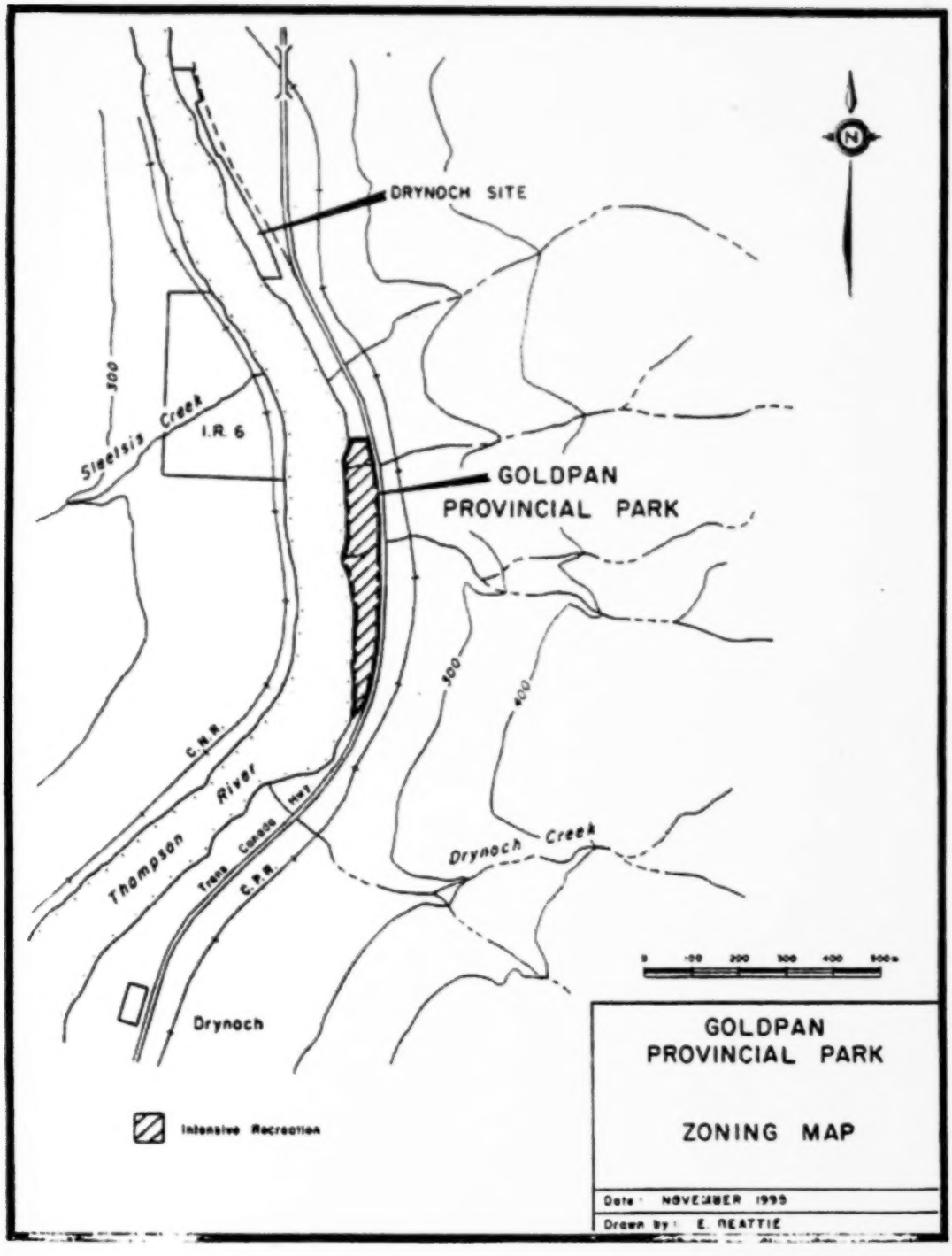
Land

To add immediate foreshore to the park.

To maintain long term interest in securing the Drynoch site for addition to the park.

Vegetation

To maintain the vegetation cover for aesthetic purposes using indigenous tree and shrub species.


DRYNOCH SITE
GOLDPAN
PROVINCIAL PARK
I.R. 6
Slaetsis Creek
500
C.N.R.
Thompson River
Trans Canada Hwy
C.P.R.
Drynoch Creek
400
Drynoch
Intensive Recreation
GOLDPAN
PROVINCIAL PARK
ZONING MAP
Date: NOVEMBER 1999
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Visual

To ensure that park facilities are maintained in harmony with the park setting.

Management Objectives - Recreation Opportunities

To provide facilities and service to service level 3 standards (see appendix A).

To ensure river rafting activities remain compatible with other uses of the park. River rafting site may require better definition and separation from day use and adjacent campsites.

To provide on-site interpretive information on the park, other parks along the Thompson River and in the District, natural history of the Thompson River Canyon, and the cultural history, incorporating history of local native peoples and their relationship with the river and the surrounding environments, and the development of transportation corridors.

Appendix A - Service Level Explanation

BC Parks service levels provide a method of defining the facilities, information and services which the public can expect within the BC Provincial Parks system. The service levels do not include any measure of the capacity or use of the area, operating standards, or resource management issues. Instead, they are strictly a list of the key facilities and services that may be provided within a particular campground or day-use area. They also provide an opportunity to explore and understand the relationship between the facilities and services BC Parks offers and the expectations of the users or potential users. This will help in making decisions based on the type and grade of facilities and services that BC Parks plans to provide and their associated costs.

Table 1. Campground Service Levels Attributes

Attribute	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Facilities				
• Roads	paved	paved	usually gravel	gravel, dirt or none
• Toilets	flush	usually flush	pit	pit or none
• Water system	pressure	pressure	pressure or handpump	not usually supplied
• Campsites	standard design	standard design	standard design	informal (non-standard)
• Tables	Type I	Type I	Type I or II	Type II
• Sani-station	available	available	not usually available	not available
• Showers	available	not available	not available	not available
Information				
• Park entrance sign	portal or plaque	plaque	plaque or Type A	Type A
• Campground entrance sign	Type A	Type A	Type A	Type A or none
• Visitor centre	usually available	not available	not available	not available
• Information structures	information shelter	information shelter	single signs	single sign or no information
Services				
• Public telephone	usually available	usually available	not usually available	not available
• Garbage collection	minimum daily	minimum daily	minimum weekly	not usually available
• Security	up to 24 hour	routine patrols	occasional patrols	no patrols
• Visitor programs	available	possibly available	not usually available	not available

Table 2. Day-use Areas Service Level Attributes

Attribute	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Facilities				
▪ Roads	paved	paved	usually gravel	gravel , dirt or none
▪ Toilets	flush	usually flush	pit	pit on none
▪ Water system	pressure	pressure	handpump	not usually supplied
▪ Tables	Type I	Type I	Type II	Type II or none
▪ Change House	available (if suitable for swimming)	available (if suitable for swimming)	not usually available	not available
Information				
▪ Park entrance sign ▪ Day-use Areas entrance sign	portal or plaque Type A	plaque Type A	plaque or Type A Type A	Type A Type A or none
▪ Visitor centre	usually available	not available	not available	not available
▪ Information Structures	information shelter	information shelter	single signs	single sign or no information
Services				
▪ Public Telephone	usually available	usually available	not usually available	not available
▪ Garbage Collection	minimum daily	minimum daily	minimum weekly	not usually available

APPENDIX B FIVE YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

Goldpan Park

Goal:	To maintain camping and day-use facilities as is.
Action:	No action.
Goal:	To protect riparian habitat along the Thompson River.
Action:	Add foreshore to the park.